

AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND FRANCE ON THEIR MUTUAL FISHING RELATIONS

The Government of Canada and the Government of France,

Having regard to the fact that the Canadian Government has deemed it necessary, notably with a view to ensuring the protection of Canadian fisheries, to adopt certain measures relating to the delimitation of the territorial sea and the fishing zones of Canada,

Considering it desirable to adapt to present circumstances their mutual relations in fishery matters,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Government of France renounces the privileges established to its advantage in fishery matters by the Convention signed at London, on April 8, 1904, between the United Kingdom and France. The present agreement supersedes all previous treaty provisions relating to fishing by French nationals off the Atlantic coast of Canada.

ARTICLE 2

In return, the Canadian Government undertakes in the event of a modification to the juridical regime relating to the waters situated beyond the present limits of the territorial sea and fishing zones of Canada on the Atlantic coast, to recognize the right of French nationals to fish in these waters subject to possible measures for the conservation of resources, including the establishment of quotas. The French Government undertakes for its part to grant reciprocity to Canadian nationals off the coast of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon.

ARTICLE 3

Fishing vessels registered in metropolitan France may continue to fish from January 15 to May 15 each year, up to May 15, 1986, on an equal footing with Canadian vessels, in the Canadian fishing zone within the Gulf of St. Lawrence, east of the meridian of longitude 61 degrees 30 mins west, subject to the provisions of Articles 5 and 6.

ARTICLE 4

In view of the special situation of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon and as an arrangement between neighbours: